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Other matters: Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003

Draft programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft programme of work in the field of sustainable development for the biennium 2002-2003, which is contained in the annex, is submitted for the consideration of the Commission on Sustainable Development in compliance with the rules and regulations governing programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget, the monitoring of implementation and the methods of evaluation. In section I, paragraph 7, of its resolution 52/220, the General Assembly stressed the role of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the consideration of the narrative of the proposed programme budget, as well as the necessity for a timely presentation of their recommendations on the budget.

2. The draft programme of work has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 4 (Sustainable development) of programme 7 (Economic and social affairs) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

3. The Commission is invited to comment and make recommendations, as appropriate, on the draft programme of work. These comments and recommendations will be taken into account, as appropriate, by the Secretary-General in finalizing his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 which will be reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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Annex

Draft programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Division for Sustainable Development

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

1. The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Sustainable Development.

2. The draft programme of work has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 4 (Sustainable development) of programme 7 (Economic and social affairs) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Objectives

To ensure the effective and coordinated implementation of Agenda 21 and other commitments made during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the outcome of the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly to review the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session, as well as decisions of the Commission on Sustainable Development; to ensure implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council on the recommendation of bodies responsible for energy and natural resources.

Expected accomplishment(s)	Indicators of achievement
Enhanced ability of Member States to achieve sustainable development, including through the formulation of national sustainable development policies and programmes, by effective implementation of Agenda 21 and related programmes of action.	Progress in achieving targets and goals set out in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and decisions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
Expected accomplishment(s)	**Indicators of achievement**
Better integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, including gender dimension, and strengthened coordinated approaches among international organizations and institutions, particularly in the United Nations system.	Number of collaborative arrangements and partnerships in the area of sustainable development involving organizations of the United Nations system; and number of non-United Nations system organizations involved in such arrangements and partnerships.

Expected accomplishment(s)	Indicators of achievement
Enhanced capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the field of sustainable development, including such areas as energy and water.	Feedback from Governments on contribution of advisory services provided to enhancing relevant national capacities.
Expected accomplishment(s)	**Indicators of achievement**
The 10-year review of progress achieved since the holding of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development is provided effective support.	Satisfaction of Member States with regard to the support provided to the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
Expected accomplishment(s)	**Indicators of achievement**
Strengthened coordination and cooperation with regional and subregional organizations, including the national implementation of Agenda 21.	Number of joint activities to support mutual goals and objectives.
Expected accomplishment(s)	**Indicators of achievement**
Increased involvement of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the implementation of Agenda 21 and promotion of sustainable development.	Number of partnerships involving stakeholders in the area of sustainable development.

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that Governments and international institutions would attach priority to the implementation of Agenda 21 and other commitments made during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

Outputs

1. *Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies*

Substantive servicing of meetings (number of meetings in parentheses)

General Assembly

World Summit on Sustainable Development and pre-sessional consultations (40)

Second Committee, including informal consultations (40)

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations (24)

Formal meetings (8)

Commission on Sustainable Development

Formal meetings and in-session drafting groups (180)

Bureau and related informal consultations (12)

Inter-sessional subsidiary bodies (20)

United Nations Forum on Forests, second and third sessions (80)

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

Plenary and working group sessions on water (16)

Plenary and working group sessions on energy (12)

Parliamentary documentation (number of reports in parentheses)

General Assembly, Second Committee

Reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21 and of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (4)

Commission on Sustainable Development

Background papers on national coordination mechanism: list of national focal points and official government web sites on sustainable development (3)

Background papers for the Bureau of the Commission (12)

Background papers for the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests (3)

Background papers for the United Nations Forum on Forests (10)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (1)

Country profiles (1)

Notes on the meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (12)

Other reports related to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (6)

Report to the Commission on the work programme and medium-term plan of the Division for Sustainable Development (1)

Reports and background papers on issues to be included in the Commission's work programme for 2003 (20)

Reports on assessment of the national implementation of Agenda 21 (1)

Reports on issues to be included in the Forum on Forest's multi-year programme of work for 2002-2003 and for the high-level ministerial segment (20)

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

Reports of the Secretary-General on natural resources-related issues, on themes to be determined by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (6)

2. *Ad hoc expert groups (number of meetings in parentheses)*

National strategies for sustainable development (1)

Aggregation of indicators (1)

Consumption and production patterns (1)

Enhancing international coordination, cooperation and collaboration on forest-related issues (1)

Environmental management accounting (2)

Facilitation of the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action (1)

Integrated management of freshwater resources for developing countries (1)

International cooperation on the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests (1)

Priority theme for sustainable development of small island developing States (1)

Multi-stakeholder dialogue (1)

National technology strategies for sustainable development (1)

Finance for sustainable development (1)

Energy models for sustainable development (1)

3. *Other substantive activities*

Recurrent publications (number of publications in parentheses)

CSD Update (quarterly) (8)

Energy Newsletter (2)

Finance for Sustainable Development (1)

International Rivers and Lakes Newsletter (4)

Natural Resources Forum (quarterly) (8)

Small island developing States success stories (2)

Sustainable Development Series (4)

Non-recurrent publications (number of publications in parentheses)

Aggregation of sustainable development indicators (1)

Changing consumption and production patterns (1)

Cleaner technology strategies (1)

Energy models for sustainable development (1)

Environmental accounting (1)

Environmental and social aspects of mine closure (1)

Integrated water resources management issues (1)

Market transformation initiatives for energy efficiency (1)

Policy guidelines for implementing national sustainable development strategies (1)

Publications related to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (6)

Strategic approaches to vulnerability indexing (1)

Technical material (number of items in parentheses)

Case studies of sustainable energy services (4)

Case studies of sustainable transport systems (2)

Development, maintenance and updating of the directory of national sustainable development focal points (1)

Development, maintenance and updating of the network of focal points for indicators of sustainable development (1)

Development, maintenance and updating of the sustainable development section of the departmental web site (1)

Development, maintenance and updating of the water virtual learning centre (1)

Development, maintenance and updating of the web site "SIDSnet" (1)

Further development, maintenance and updating of the databases on the sustainable development web site (virtual country profiles) (1)

Guidelines on major groups (2)

Guidelines on national reporting (2)

Internal guidelines and management procedures related to regular and technical assistance programmes (2)

Key ongoing issues in sustainable development (2)

Collection and analysis of national data as inputs for the *World Water Development Report* (1)

Multi-media presentations and information materials (4)

4. *International cooperation, coordination, liaison (number of meetings/items in parentheses)*

ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources

Substantive servicing of meetings of the Subcommittee (1)

Background papers for the Subcommittee (2)

Reports to the Subcommittee (4)

Reports on Subcommittee meetings (2)

Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its task managers system

Meetings of the Committee (4)

Background papers for the Committee (16)

Reports submitted to the Administrative Committee on Coordination on meetings of the Committee (4)

Meetings of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Energy (4)

Reports to the Inter-Agency Working Group on Energy (2)

Meetings of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (8)

Background papers for the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (4)

Reports on meetings of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (8)

Liaison with financial institutions, including the Global Environment Facility (2)

Participation and substantive support to various intergovernmental, inter-agency, expert and major group meetings directly related to or organized in support of the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (1)

Participation in and substantive support to various intergovernmental, inter-agency, expert and major group meetings that are directly related to or organized in support of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development (4)

Special events, including those held during the sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests (1)

Special events, including those held during the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (1)

Steering committee meetings on joint programming with the World Bank, GEF, IEA and the World Energy Council (8)

5. *Technical cooperation*

Advisory services

Expert advisory services, at the request of Governments and in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional commissions, would be provided to developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, related to capacity-building and/or strengthening in such areas as the formulation of national strategies for sustainable development, strengthening institutions and supporting multi-stakeholder consultative processes that promote sustainable development, as well as in areas related to sustainable management of freshwater, energy for sustainable development

Training courses, seminars and workshops

Organizing training seminars and/or workshops for and with national policy makers in developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition with a view to strengthening national capabilities in all areas of sustainable development. These include, among others, national

cleaner technologies strategies, environmental management accounting, integrated water resources management and energy for sustainable development

Field projects

Provision of technical services to Member States under country, regional and interregional technical cooperation projects in the area of sustainable development supported from all sources of funding

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Draft report

Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur: Madina B. **Jarbussynova** (Kazakhstan)

Chapter ___. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its ninth session from 16 to 27 April 2001, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1999/280. The Commission held meetings (1st to __ meetings and informal meetings).

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 16 April, the Chairman, Bedrich Moldan (Czech Republic) opened the session and made an opening statement.

3. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 5 May 2000, the Commission elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Bedrich Moldan (Czech Republic)

Vice-Chairpersons:
David Stuart (Australia)
Alison Drayton (Guyana)
Matia Kiwanuka (Uganda)

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 16 April, Madina B. Jarbussynova (Kazakhstan) was elected Vice-Chairperson by acclamation and, in addition to serving as Vice-Chairperson, was also elected to serve as Rapporteur.

6. At the 11th meeting, on 20 April, the Commission elected Margarida Rosa Da Silva Izata (Angola) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation, as endorsed by the African States, to replace the post vacated by Matia Kiwanuka (Uganda).

C. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 16 April, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/2001/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

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1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Sectoral theme: energy.
4. Sectoral theme: atmosphere.
5. Economic sector/major group: transport.
6. Cross-sectoral theme: information for decision-making and participation.
7. Cross-sectoral theme: international cooperation for an enabling environment.
8. High-level meeting.
9. Other matters.
10. Provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Commission.
11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its ninth session.

8. At the same meeting, the Commission agreed to establish three drafting groups, to be chaired as follows: Drafting Group I, by Alison Drayton (Guyana); Drafting Group II, by Madina Jarbussynova (Kazakhstan); and Drafting Group III, by David Stuart (Australia).

9. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the request for accreditation of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS), as an intergovernmental organization, to participate in the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development with the status of observer.

D. Attendance

10. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ___.

[to be completed]

E. Documentation

11. The documents before the Commission at its ninth session are the following:

- Provisional agenda (E/CN.17/2001/1);
- Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of the atmosphere (E/CN.17/2001/2);
- Report of the Secretary-General on transport (E/CN.17/2001/3);
- Report of the Secretary-General on information for decision-making and participation (E/CN.17/2001/4);
- Report of the Secretary-General on information for decision-making and participation: Commission on Sustainable Development work programme on indicators of sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/4/Add.1);
- Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for an enabling environment for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/5);
- Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable energy and transport (E/CN.17/2001/6);
- Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable energy and transport: discussion paper contributed by business/industry (E/CN.17/2001/6/Add.1);
- Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable energy and transport: discussion paper contributed by the scientific and technological communities (E/CN.17/2001/6/Add.2);
- Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable energy and transport: discussion paper contributed by workers and trade unions (E/CN.17/2001/6/Add.3);
- Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable energy and transport: discussion paper contributed by local authorities (E/CN.17/2001/6/Add.4);
- Note by the Secretary-General on multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable energy and transport:

discussion paper contributed by the non-governmental organizations (E/CN.17/2001/6/Add.5);

- Letter dated 16 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/7);
- Letter dated 17 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/8);
- Letter dated 31 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations and Chairman of the Pacific Islands Forum Countries represented at the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/9);
- Letter dated 29 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/10 and Corr.1);
- Letter dated 2 February 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations and Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/11);
- Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable production, distribution and use of energy: trends in national implementation (E/CN.17/2001/12 and Corr.1);
- Letter dated 12 February 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/13);
- Report of the Secretary-General on national reporting to the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/14);
- Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/15);
- Report of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Transport and Atmosphere (E/CN.17/2001/16);
- Report of the Ad Hoc Inter-sessional Working Group on Information for Decision-making and Participation and on International Cooperation for an Enabling Environment (E/CN.17/2001/17);
- Note verbale dated 3 April 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/18);
- Note by the Secretariat on the draft programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.17/2001/L.1);
- Note by the Secretariat on the International Energy Agency statement on sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/CRP.1);
- Note by the Secretariat on the main issues for consideration at the high-level meeting (E/CN.17/2001/CRP.2);
- Note by the Secretariat on the World Summit on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/CRP.3);
- Report of the International Expert Meeting on information for decision-making and participation (E/CN.17/2001/BP/1);
- Report on the aggregation of indicators for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/BP/2);
- Indicators of sustainable development: framework and methodologies (E/CN.17/2001/BP/3);
- Energy and sustainable development: case studies (E/CN.17/2001/BP/4);
- Protection of the atmosphere — addressing the uncertainties: improving the scientific basis for decision-making studies (E/CN.17/2001/BP/5);
- Protection of the atmosphere — impacts of climate change and variability: assessment and adaptation (E/CN.17/2001/BP/6);
- The role of urban transport in sustainable human settlements development (E/CN.17/2001/BP/7);
- Transport and sustainable development in the ESCWA region (E/CN.17/2001/BP/8);
- Aviation and sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/BP/9);
- Tendencias y politicas referente a los sistemas de transporte de las ciudades de america latina, y las

implicancias para su sostenibilidad (E/CN.17/2001/BP/10);

- Transport and sustainable development in the ECE region (E/CN.17/2001/BP/11);
- Information for decision-making: promoting environmental management accounting through government policies and programmes and advancing information for decision-making through electronic networking and corporate reporting (E/CN.17/2001/BP/12);
- Status report on the indicators of consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/2001/BP/13);
- Energy and subsidy reform and sustainable development: challenges for policy makers (E/CN.17/2001/BP/14);
- The role of the transport sector in environmental protection (E/CN.17/2001/BP/15);
- List of national sustainable development contacts (E/CN.17/2001/BP/16);
- Assessment of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 at the national level: table of key coordination mechanisms and actions (E/CN.17/2001/BP/17);
- Ground transportation as a factor in air pollution — causes and possible solutions (E/CN.17/2001/BP/18);
- Statement submitted by the International Federation on Ageing, a non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.17/2001/NGO/1).